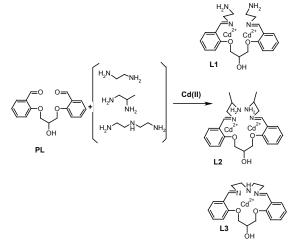
metal ion templates the prediction of the outcome of such a condensation reaction is still a largely empirical enterprise. It is thus clearly desirable to improve our understanding of the sequence of the stepwise macrocycle formation reactions in such template reactions, which then might be applied to the synthesis of new macrocycles with particular desired coordination properties. Some insight into the nature of these reactions has been gained by the isolation of complexes of open-chain ligands. The isolation of these only halfway reacted ligands indicate that the course of the reaction is strongly depend on the flexibility and spacer length of the diamines used in the synthesis. Reaction of two diamines, 1,2-diaminoethane and 1,2-diaminopropane, with 2-[3-(2-formylphenoxy)-2-hydroxypropoxy]benzaldehyde (PL) [1] in the presence of Cd²⁺ ions yielded the dinuclear complexes $Cd_{2}L^{1}(NO_{2})$, $H_{2}O$ and $Cd_{2}L^{2}(NO_{2})$, where L^{1} and L² are the open chain ligands derived from the condensation of one molecule of dialdehyde with two molecules of the amine. The same reaction with diethylentriamine, however, yielded the macrocyclic CdL³(NO₂) complex. Spectroscopic and X-ray structural data as well as a possible reason for the failure or success of the ring closure reactions are discussed.



Furthermore we would like to present our first experiences with the implementation of remote access to a single crystal CCD X-ray diffractometer at Youngstown State University (YSU) in the United States by users from University of Tabriz in Tabriz, Iran by way of which the data were collected.

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Polymorphism and Isomorphism in Silver Coordination Compounds. <u>Katharina M. Fromm</u>. Department of Chemistry, University of Fribourg, Fribourg Switzerland. E-mail: katharina.fromm@unifr.ch Coordination polymer networks, respectively metal organic frameworks (MOFs) are currently in the focus of interest for their fascinating properties, e. g. luminescence, porosity, magnetism, which occur due to the combination of metal ions or metal cluster compounds as nodes, and organic molecules as ligands. [1]

Silver and its compounds are known to have antimicrobial properties, [2, 3] however, they can be toxic in too high concentrations. We have therefore investigated the formation of coordination polymer networks containing silver ions. For the possible medical applications, it is important to tune the solubility, structure and light stability of these compounds. In this presentation, the different structures obtained with a certain ligand system will be presented, and how these structures differ in terms of their properties. A number of polymorphs and isomorphs will be shown, together with their physical, chemical and microbiological properties.

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Study of the Interaction of T-shaped Tricarboxylate Ligands with Copper(II) Ions. <u>Ana Belén Lago</u>^a, Laura Cañadillas-Delgado^a, Mariadel Déniz^a, Óscar Fabelo^a, Jorge Pasán, Catalina Ruiz-Pérez^a. ^aLaboratorio de Rayos X y Materiales Moleculares, Departamento de Física Fundamental II, Facultad de Física, Universidad de La Laguna. La Laguna, Tenerife. Spain.

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In recent years a great deal of effort has focused on the design and synthesis of extended frameworks of coordination compounds which have a wide variety of network topologies and potential applications in several fields[1]. Many of the architectures reported to date are based upon rigid linear linker ligands, with less efforts focusing on the use of ligands showing conformational flexibility. The use of flexible ligands can lead to the formation of interesting architectures without loss of control in the selfassembly process. We have performed an investigation on the formation of copper(II) coordination compounds based on the use of two tricarboxylic acids and auxiliary ligands such as 1,10-phenanthroline or 2,2'-bipyridine. The use of T-shaped ligands like the aconitic (trans-1,2,3propenetricarboxylic) (H_3L_1) or the tricarballylic (1,2,3propanetricarboxylic) acid (H₃L₂) lets us exert some control over the self-assembly process, i.e. only specific network topologies can be formed. The use of blocking ligands limits the coordination orientation of the carboxylic acids and facilitates the formation of suitable crystals for X-ray analysis.

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